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CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT
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DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

Dear David;

Recent inspections of the Dove Creek Quarry operation have revealed an infestation of Canadian and scotch thistle throughout the operations area. Immediate treatment of these weeds is required. As the thistle has seeded in many areas follow-up treatment monitoring in the spring will also be required to ensure that treatment is effective. If you have questions with regard to the use or type of effective herbicide treatment, please contact Gilbert Jackson, Range Management Specialist at the Minidoka Ranger District at 208.678-0430.

Inspections conducted since fall 2012 indicate that quarry operations have ceased and appear to be shut-down. You were informed that a classification report for the stone products produced at the quarry was being conducted. That report is being finalized and will be used to make a determination as to the disposal of the rock products produced at the quarry. We would appreciate a report on the status of operations at the quarry. Since it has been more than one year since active operations have been observed I would like a report as to whether the operation is in a permanent or temporary shutdown. In either case steps should be taken to remove inoperable equipment, tires, broken pallets, barrels and refuse from the area. Please report back to this office within 30 days as to your intention for continued operations. If we do not hear from you within that time the Forest Service will consider the operation abandoned and begin taking steps toward reclamation.

If you have questions regarding this information please contact Forest Geologist and Minerals Administrator, Heidie Torrealday at 208.678.0430.

Sincerely,

SCOTT C. NANNENGA
Minidoka District Ranger

cc: Lynn Kunzler, Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, 1549 West North Temple, Suite 1210, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

